

64 wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

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24. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state and a relaxed state,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around a fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claim 23 stands objected to because of a typographical error which has been corrected by amendment herein.

Applicant's undersigned attorney wishes to thank Examiner Moran for the courtesies extended him during the interview on July 25, 2002 which took place at the United States

Patent and Trademark Office, as well as during the follow up telephone interviews on August 12 and 13.

During the last interview, the amendments made to the independent claims were discussed. The Examiner agreed that with the amendments made herein, the claims patentably distinguish over the prior art.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-30 and allowance of the case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension taken transversely to the fore-and-aft line that is less than the first width dimension,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around the fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element that is fully separable from the headwear piece,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein a part of the crown is folded forwardly toward the visor.

4. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

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wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around the fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

6. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around the fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a cylindrical tube.

15. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece having a front and rear and comprising a crown having a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently

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rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting in a forward direction away from the crown,

wherein the visor has a relaxed state wherein the visor has a first width dimension taken transversely to a fore-and-aft line and a deformed state,

wherein the visor in the deformed state has a second width dimension that is less than the first width dimension,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around the fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element,

the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state so that the visor has the second width dimension,

wherein the crown is folded against the visor,

wherein the visor in the deformed states defines a cylindrical shape and at least a part of the crown that is folded against the visor resides within the cylindrical shape.

19. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state [in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape around a fore-and-aft line] and a relaxed state,

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around a fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element that is fully separable from the headwear piece, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state.

23. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state [in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape around a fore-and-aft line] and a relaxed state.

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around a fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element that is fully separable from the headwear piece, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state[.],

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

24. (amended) In combination:

a) a headwear piece comprising a crown with a surface which is grippingly engageable with a wearer's head and a visor of sufficiently rigid material to be shape retentive and readily reducible to a compact state, said visor projecting from the crown,

wherein the visor has a deformed state [in which the visor is formed into a cylindrical shape] and a relaxed state.

the visor changed from the relaxed state into the deformed state by bending the visor around a fore-and-aft line towards a continuous cylindrical shape; and

b) at least one holding element, the at least one holding element maintaining the visor in the deformed state,

wherein the at least one holding element comprises a tubular body which extends around the headwear piece.

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